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1. WE DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTEL WITH LOERKE AND RHEIN OF HAFERKAMP'S CABINET ON MARCH 1, BUT THEY DELAYED GIVING A RESPONSE. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH HIJZEN, LOERKE INFORMED US ON MARCH 4 THAT THE COMMISSION AGREED TO THE ADDITION OF THE BILATERAL TRADE ITEM TO THE AGENDA. THE COMMISSION ALSO THOUGHT THAT A RESTRICTED DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL QUESTIONS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. (THIS CAN PROBABLY TAKE PLACE AT THE AMBASSADOR'S DINNER ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 20.) RHEIN OFFERED PERSONAL SUGGESTIONS ON TOPICS THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE POLITICAL DINNER, E.G. NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ISSUES, THE BELGRADE MEETING, MEDITERANEAN AND NEW ACCESSIONS AND EASTERN EUROPE.

2. THE COMMISSION IS IN BASIC AGREEMENT THAT WORKING GROUPS WILL NOT GENERALLY BE NECESSARY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A WORKING GROUP ON TRADE ISSUES. LOERKE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION FELT IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO HOLD AN OFFICIAL-LEVEL MEETING ON TRADE ISSUES DURING THE FIRST DAY IN ORDER THAT THE PLENARY COULD DEVOTE ITSELF TO ONLY THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE.

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3. LOERKE ALSO SAID THAT SINCE UNDER SECRETARY COOPER'S SCHEDULE WILL BE FILLED WITH THE PLENARY MEETINGS, THE COMMISSION NOW TENDS TO BELIEVE THAT PROBABLY ORTOLI SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PLENARY DISCUSSION OF THE WORLD ECONOMY RATHER THAN TRY TO PLAN A SEPARATE MEETING WITH THE UNDER SECRETARY. THEY HAVE NOT, HOWEVER, WORKED OUT ALL THE DETAILS ON THIS. HINTON

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